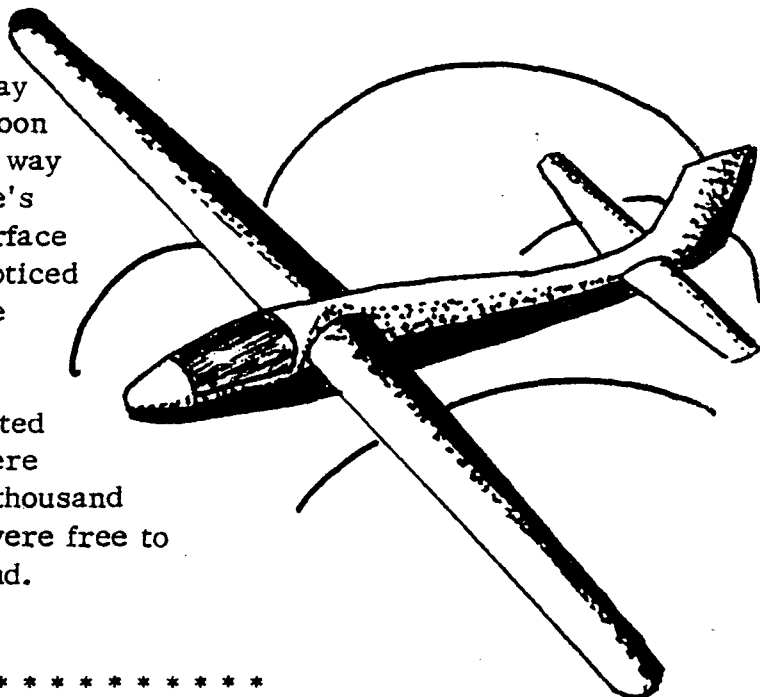


COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

The towplane raced down the runway to pull our sailplane into the bright afternoon sky. The bouncing of our craft soon gave way to a feeling of smoothness as the sailplane's single wheel lost contact with the hard surface of the runway. We were airborne. We noticed that the sailplane was in the air before the towplane. Soon the towplane was off and climbing. The connecting rope pulled our craft in line behind. The altimeter indicated five hundred feet, a thousand feet. We were still climbing. Two thousand, now three thousand feet. We released the tow rope, and we were free to soar the skies and to be alone with the wind.



1. This story is mainly about:
 - (a) altimeters
 - (b) runways
 - (c) tow ropes
 - (d) sailplanes
2. What pulled the sailplane into the sky?
 - (a) altimeter
 - (b) towplane
 - (c) runway
 - (d) sailplane
3. What was in the air first?
 - (a) sailplane
 - (b) towplane
 - (c) runway
 - (d) surface
4. What pulled the sailcraft in line with the towplane?
 - (a) the runway
 - (b) the altimeter
 - (c) the tow rope
 - (d) the wheel
5. Put in order:
 - (a) tow rope released
 - (b) airborne
 - (c) raced down the runway
 - (d) wheel lost contact with runway
6. In this story soar means:
 - (a) pain
 - (b) hurt
 - (c) fly
 - (d) anger
7. The altimeter tells:
 - (a) how fast a plane goes
 - (b) how high a plane flies
 - (c) how big a plane is
 - (d) how many miles a plane goes
8. Why do you think the sailplane needs a towplane to get it in the air?
 - (a) it's a new sport
 - (b) for security reasons
 - (c) the pilot in the sailplane doesn't know how to fly
 - (d) the sailplane has no motor